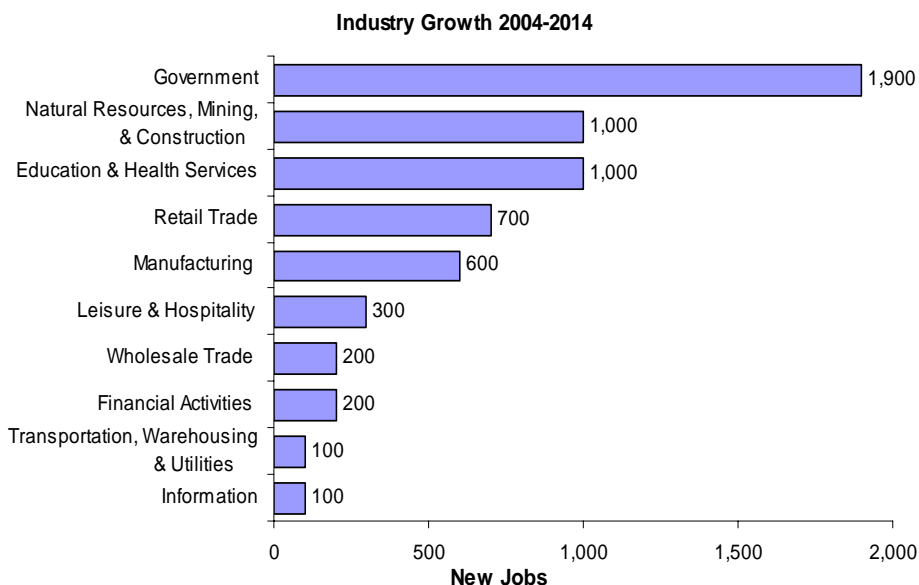


# Madera County Projection Highlights

## Industry

Effective with the employment projections for 2004-2014, Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, and Farm Employment have been added with nonfarm wage and salary employment to represent total employment. Madera County's total employment is expected to grow almost 1.7 percent, on average, each year between 2004 and 2014. This growth will add approximately 8,000 new jobs by 2014.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment, which is about 70 percent of total employment, is expected to grow at an average annual rate of almost 2 percent. About 83 percent of all nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Government, Natural Resources, Mining and Construction, Education and Health Services, Retail Trade, and Manufacturing. The chart below shows the industry growth for the period.



Industry sectors forecasted to grow faster than the county's average annual rate include Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction (3.9 percent), Wholesale Trade (2.9 percent), Financial Activities (2.5 percent), Retail Trade (2 percent), and Government (2 percent).

## Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2004-2014 forecast:

- About 8,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Almost 11,400 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of approximately 19,400 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate about 62 percent of all job openings in Madera County. Occupations at the top of the list include Farmworkers and Laborers, Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, which typically require short-term on-the-job training. The majority of construction-related occupations on the list require moderate on-the-job training. Higher skilled occupations such as Registered Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Teachers, and General Managers require an associate degree or higher.

The 42 fastest growing occupations that exceed the county's average annual growth rate include various occupations in Construction, Healthcare, and Government. Most of the construction-related occupations require moderate to long-term on-the-job training. Education requirements for Healthcare occupations range from moderate on-the-job training for technicians and assistants to a professional degree for pharmacists. Government-related occupations such as Correctional Officers and Jailors require moderate on-the-job training while Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists require a bachelor's degree.

The chart below demonstrates all occupational job openings by education and training level.

